GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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Activities of Pakistan Marine Security Agency in Kutch
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistan Marine Security Agency very often apprehends Indian fishing boats and capture the fishermen and in some cases these fishermen are put to death by unauthorised firing on them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the boats seized by Pakistan are used in terrorist activities against India and the Indian fishermen are used for illegal activities against India;

(d) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Government to take some urgent and vigilant steps in this regard; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) & (b): As per available information, Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) apprehends Indian Fishing Boats and Indian fishermen, allegedly for illegally crossing into Pakistan territorial waters. As of now, PMSA has apprehended a total of 303 Indian fishermen in 2015. Further, there have been incidents of firing upon Indian Fishing Boats by PMSA and in some cases also leading to injury and death of Indian fishermen.

However, the Government has taken it up with the concerned Pakistan authorities and requested that PMSA should exercise maximum restraint in acting against Indian fishermen inadvertently crossing India Pakistan IMBL and not to use disproportionate force against them.

(c) No instance of using seized Indian fishing boats in terrorist activities and Indian fishermen in illegal activities against India has come to notice so far.

(d) & (e): Requests have been received, including a reference from the State Government of Gujarat for setting up a Coast Guard Station at Hazira (Gujarat). Taking into consideration that Coastal Marine Police Stations at Hazira and Dahej have been established and the air assets at Coast Guard Air Station at Daman located 40 nautical miles south of Hazira are also available, if needed at short notice, it was decided not to set up a Coast Guard Station at Hazira at the moment.

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